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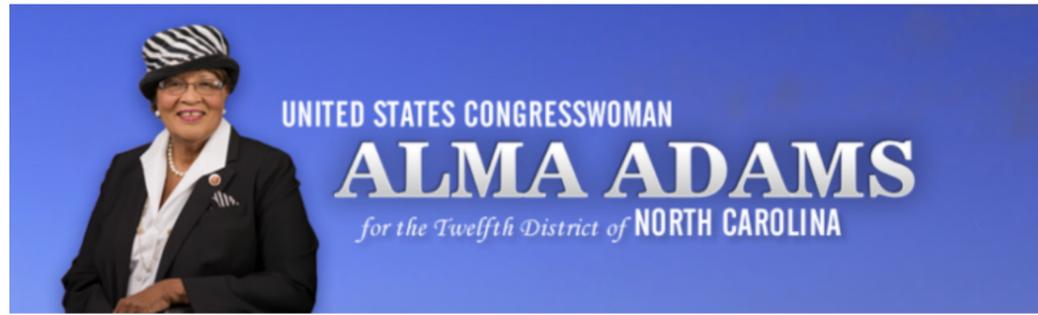


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WASHINGTON, DC—Today, **Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. (NC-12)**, founder and co-chair of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Caucus, and **Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove (CA-37)**, Congressional Black Caucus Whip, held a roundtable discussion with **Reps. Sewell (AL-07), Hayes (CT-05), Sykes (OH-13), Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20), Brown (OH-11), and Figures (AL-02)**, HBCU leadership, students, and advocacy organizations to highlight the impacts of Trump Administration policies on the HBCUs that have played a vital role in empowering Black students across the country.

Photos are available [here](#).

The roundtable included presidents from **Howard University, Bowie State University, Morgan State University, and Virginia Union University** and representatives from **Texas Southern University, the United Negro College Fund, the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the 1890 Foundation** to discuss student life concerns, academic access and funding, infrastructure and facilities, and the role of the federal government.

“HBCUs have always punched above their weight, producing the leaders, innovators, and changemakers who move this country forward,” **said Congresswoman Adams**. “Despite their success though, they face historic underfunding that force them to do more with less. It’s time we meaningfully invest in HBCUs so they can continue serving their students for generations to come.”

“Our HBCUs continue to face systemic challenges that impact student success, campus quality-of-life, and institutional growth. Shamefully, the Trump Administration’s attacks on DEI initiatives and higher education funding have only made these challenges worse,” **said Congresswoman Kamlager-Dove**. “Now is the time for policymakers, education leaders, and students to engage in direct dialogue about solutions to protect and uplift Black students.”

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Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. represents North Carolina's 12th Congressional District (Charlotte, Mecklenburg County) and serves on the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Education & Workforce, where she serves as ranking member of the Higher Education and Workforce Development (HEWD) Subcommittee.

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